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Thanks

.. to those parents who were all set to accompany our Taniwha Challenge team this week ... sorry this did not proceed.

People of the week

.. Myra for her contributions to our junior School ... Myra helps out on most days on a voluntary basis and makes a huge difference.

.. those children who sat this weeks' International Schools Maths Exam.

.. Paige Hamilton received "Player of the Day" for Marist White Netball team.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).

We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

25 August	Central Northland Science Fair
26 August	Whangarei Cross Country
8 September	AIMS games
10 September	Year 7 Boostrix vaccination
18 September	Northland Cross Country
22/23 Sept	School production
26 September	Final day of term 3

Our current virtue is ENTHUSIASM

Please be alert to demonstrations of this virtue over coming weeks

Some reminders from the last newsletter

.. Calf Club Day has been scheduled for Thursday 23 October.

.. Calf Club ... have you thought about your calf, lamb or pet. More to follow soon.

.. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of the headlice problem.

Regional Science and Technology Fair

If your child has been selected to represent our school at the Regional Fair at Forum North, week beginning 25 August, you should already have received a detailed letter outlining essential dates, times and people. If you have not received this letter, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr Delemare or Mrs Sinclair here at school. Mrs Sinclair will likely co-ordinate (at Forum North) on the day.

A reminder that parents are responsible for getting their child to and from the venue on the Monday (no later than 10:00), and for picking up the exhibit on the Thursday sometime between 4:00 and 6:00.

Coming up ... Year 7 and 8 WGHS Day Out

... coming up 27 August. Parents can expect consent forms and further information next week. We will need parent assistance on the day and so please pencil in this day if you can.

Senior School EOTC

Due to unstable weather and slippery conditions at Waipu Caves, it has been decided that the Abseiling set down for this term will be postponed until early next term. The new date for this day is Wednesday 12th November. Any queries to Mr Delemare please.

Interschool Cross Country

Consents were issued last week for return by 18 August. Parents will need to transport (or arrange transport) for your own child(ren). Any questions in the run up to Mr D please.

Out of zone places

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2015 as follows ..

... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current and former students

.. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priority 6)

.. five places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priority 6)

These places will be publicly advertised approximately mid-September, closing date 15 October, ballot date 22 October. Application forms will be available at the school office from next week.

Vegetarian sausages

We now have a secure supply of these healthy lunch alternatives. These are made from tofu, not hydrolysed soy, and are gluten free. So ... taking orders each Wednesday!

Home Gardens

Please return expression of interest forms next week. If your child did not receive one and would like one, please see Mrs Abbott or the office.

Trivia Night

Our Trivia evening is Friday 5 September 2014 and we could really do with more helpers! Helping out is a great way to meet new people and have some fun while raising money for our school. If you can help with:

Friday morning - set up and decoration

Friday evening - serving and bar

Saturday - clean up

Please email donna@digitype.co.nz, or come to our next meeting (Wednesday 20 August @ 7pm in the school staffroom),

Also if you know anyone who you think might be interested in sponsorship/prizes or if you are someone who runs a business in the area and would like to support the school in return for advertising to the locals please get in touch.

Calf Club Trophies

Any trophies from central day can be brought into the school office where they will be collected and returned to Central Day organisers. Thank you!

Car Doors

Please remind your children to be mindful of other cars when opening the car door. A couple of cars have been damaged recently.

Te Reo Phrase of the Week

Hoatu te pene ki a Jane - Give the pen to Jane.

Finally

Some of you may not know that we are currently in the process of installing new, web based, library software. This software will enable remote access to the library database, and enable us to better align our library with classrooms and home. This is an exciting step. More to follow!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

"Ecosolutions" will be running a compost and wormfarming workshop on 14th August From 10am – 12 at Deb Horne's home 443 Matarau Rd.

This practical workshop will teach the basics of composting and wormfarming and will help to troubleshoot any issues you are having with your household compost.

Help minimise the amount of organic waste going to landfill and create a beneficial addition for your garden at the same time.

\$10 per person, spaces are limited so please call Anton on 027 254 0042 / 438 8710 to book your seat.

Kids Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ)

Friday at 5pm at Radfit in 25A Herekino Street, \$5 charge, Ages 8-16. Please contact Dave Fletcher 021 2377918 for more information

Dance Inc Northland is offering limited places in Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary dance classes.

Dance Inc Northland, Whangarei's only Royal Academy of Dance Ballet school, is offering classes in our new Kamo studio & at Kamo High School.

Studio is at 7A 3/4 Grant Street Kamo, in the newly renovated Griffin Hall

All ages catered from 3 1/2 years and over.

Tamason Thorley BA RAD RTS NZAMD, Kate Aukett AISTD, Adelle Cottle BA (Dance).

Please phone 4308806, visit www.danceincnorthland.co.nz or e-mail danceincnorthland@gmail.com

Whangarei Academy of Dance & Performing Arts (WADPA) are a dance school offering classes for all children from 3-18 years. With over 35 years teaching dance to the local community, offering classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acrobatic, contemporary, Gym, Tumbling, conditioning and Musical Theatre. All teachers are fully registered. For more info check out our website www.love2dance.co.nz email info@love2dance.co.nz or pop into our new premises at 29 Commerce st

****NEW DANCE SCHOOL** 'just dance' Whangarei**

An exciting new dance school has started teaching ballet, jazz, contemporary and pilates with classes to match all ages and stages. Our philosophy is to provide excellent tuition and technique with building self esteem and having fun. Visit our website www.justdance.biz or phone Carla Bedford on 02102357440

Table Tennis – Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.30pm Terms 2 & 3. Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft soled shoes must be worn. Bats available to hire or buy or bring your own. Annual Sub \$40 or \$2 per session. Enquiries phone Brent Davies 094027695

Royal New Zealand Navy Band – 9th August, Forum North, 7pm, featuring NZ Vocalist Rebecca Nelson, \$220 Adults, \$18 Seniors, \$5 Children/Students. Door sales available from The Turner Centre, Forum North.

Calf Club Day - 23 October 2014

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2014. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office as we may have a contact for someone who does this.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

Please do not bring pregnant animals or newborns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

We are looking at bringing back a Goat section if there is enough interest from families so if interested in rearing goats please advise Cassandra at grant.cass@slingshot.co.nz or Michelle and Steve tractormartin1@vodafone.co.nz We need to know numbers as soon as possible to see whether it viable or not so please email us. Michelle has a contact for goats if you want one so please contact her on above email. If not enough numbers for a separate section Goats will be included in the pet section.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 13th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges. We need to give the Pet Judge enough time to look at your booklets before the day so any booklets not handed early in the week will not be eligible to be judged for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Reserve Champion or Champion pet.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz or Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

MIDDLE/SENIOR PRODUCTION 2014

This term the Middle and Senior School will be performing an original production "The Wizard of Middle Earth". We are well into production practice and would love some community support.

Rachael Robertson is in charge of our costume design team and would love volunteers of any and all **sewing** ability to assist her.

Jo Gunson who is our Artist extraordinaire needs **cardboard** for prop creation.

If you feel you can assist please contact Rachael at rrobertson@matarau.school.nz and Jo at jgunson@matarau.school.nz

Feathers Wanted

Long feathers, turkey tail feathers are ideal, for kapa haka portion of the production performance. Please bring to the office.

*Evening performances are 22nd and 23rd September
with a matinee on the 23rd as well.*

Any other inquiries to Simon Schuster at sschuster@matarau.school.nz
Alternatively please call us at school or drop by.

Trivia Night

Friday 5 September 2014

**Tickets on sale from the Office now
\$25 per person or \$120 for a table of 6**

